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IMPROVED SEALING METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR OIL AND GAS WELLS

which was described and claimed in a specification filed on February 27, 2002 under United States application serial no. 10/084,986.

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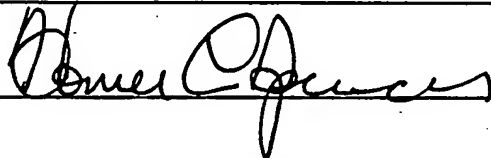
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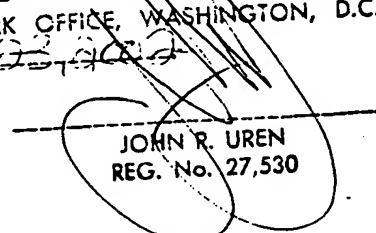
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STATEMENT OF STATUS AS SMALL ENTITY
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.9 AND 1.27

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